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E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY ON RECEIPT
TAGS: SCUL, CZ
SUBJECT: KARLOVY VARY FILM FESTIVAL

1. THE BIENNIAL KARLOVY VARY FILM FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD THIS JUNE OR JULY, AND THE CZECH FILM OFFICE HAS SAID IT WOULD BE CONTACTING THE EMBASSY ABOUT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THAT EVENT. SO FAR GOC HAS NOT CONTACTED US. POSSIBLY, AS IN CASE OF THE 1976 FESTIVAL, THE GOC IS ATTEMPTING TO INVITE DIRECTLY AMERICAN FILM COMPANIES, DIRECTORS, AND ACTORS TO COME TO KARLOVY VARY.

2. AFTER CAREFULLY WEIGHING THE PROS AND CONS, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IF APPROACHED BY THE GOC FOR SENDING AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO KARLOVY VARY THISYEAR, THE U.S. DECLINE THE OFFER AND NOT PARTICIPATE. THE FESTIVAL'S INTERNATIONAL STANDING HAS DROPPED SHARPLY THROUGH THE YEARS AND IT HAS BECOME A PROPAGANDA SPRINGBOARD FOR "SOCIALIST CAUSES." ALSO, IN VIEW OF EXPECTED PRO-MOSCOW SLANT DURING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA THIS AUGUST, WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS FESTIVAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE DEPARTMENT-USIA'S VIEWS ON
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OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN KARLOVY VARY FESTIVAL.
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